

12th April 2023

Brendan Smith T.D.
Dáil Éireann
Leinster House
Kildare Street
Dublin 2

Re: PQ 16001/23

“To ask the Minister for Children; Equality; Disability; Integration and Youth if he will consider the provision of respite services for children and adults with a disability by approved private providers where this is an inadequate public service at present, such as in Cavan/Monaghan; and if he will make a statement on the matter”.

Dear Deputy Smith

The Health Service Executive has been requested to reply directly to you in the context of the above Parliamentary Question, which you submitted to the Minister for Health for response. I have examined the matter and the following outlines the position.

Children who attend the Children’s Disability Network Teams (CDNTs) in Cavan and Monaghan, receive day alternative respite from two private providers. The two service providers are Little Wonders, Castleblayney and Kilbixy Day Services Galro, Mullingar.

Little Wonders offers an alternative respite service, Monday to Friday afternoons inclusive, for children in the Monaghan area. Kilbixy Day Services provides alternative day respite services on Saturdays and Sundays to children from the Cavan and Monaghan area.

Previously Cavan and Monaghan CDNTs have contracted overnight respite from Galro Services, another private provider.

Currently, Cavan Monaghan Disability Services provide centre based respite services, for both adults and children, in Annalee View Respite Centre, which is a HSE run service. The centre provides respite for up to twenty children every second week and can provide respite for up to thirty five adults, every second week.

Respite, for adults only, is provided in Steadfast House Respite Centre in Carrickmacross, Co Monaghan. Steadfast House is a Section 39 organisation with which HSE Disability Services have an annual agreement to fund the provision of 840 bed nights in Steadfast Respite Centre. However, in 2022, HSE Disability Services contracted 1065 respite bed nights from Steadfast House.



I trust this information is of assistance to you but should you have any further queries please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Edel Quinn', written in a cursive style.

Edel Quinn
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